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COMMITTEE (NJCEC) MEETING, NOV 6-7, 1973

A. NICSMA-D/33

B. AC/270-A/14

C. AC/270-D/112

D. NICSMA-D/36, PARA 13

E. NICSMA-D/35

F. STATE 215535

G. AC/270-D/113

SUMMARY: ITALIANS MAINTAINED RESERVATION (ALTHOUGH NOT AS FIRM AS BEFORE) ON PROVISION OF INTERIM TELEPHONE SWITCHING CAPABILITY FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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NICS. NJCEC URGED ITALY IN LIGHT OF FURTHER EXPLANATIONS PROVIDED BY NICSMA TO RECONSIDER RESERVATION ON PROJECT. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) SHOULD BRING ISSUE TO ATTENTION OF DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION, AND, IF NECESSARY, TO DPC IN DEC

MINISTERIAL SESSION, IF UNANIMOUS APPROVAL NOT OBTAINED BY THAT DATE. DURING DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NICSMA ORGANIZATION (REF A), US REP (GEN GOULD) URGED THAT NICSMA OBTAIN AN ADEQUATE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING SUPPORT CAPABILITY. NJCEC AGREED THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE TO MAKE UP DEFICIENCIES IN SYSTEM ENGINEERING FIELD THROUGH ENGAGEMENT OF QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS RATHER THAN THROUGH PERMANENT INCREASES IN AGENCY'S BASIC ESTABLISHMENT. DETAILED BRIEFING WAS GIVEN BY DG NICSMA ON STATUS OF MAJOR NICS PROJECTS. PROVIDED DG NICSMA RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT ON PROCUREMENT OF INTERIM TELEPHONE SWITCHING CAPABILITY, NICSMA FORECASTS COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE OF NICS PRIOR TO 1977. THIS PHASE WOULD INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF TARES, SATCOM PHASE III SPACE AND GROUND SEGMENTS, CIP-67, SECURE VOICE, AND AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SWITCHING EQUIPMENT AND WOULD PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN NATO COMMUNICATIONS. COMMENTS ON EACH AGENDA ITEM (REF B) FOLLOW.

END SUMMARY.

1. IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, CHAIRMAN COMMENTED ON SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION MADE TO NATO BY FORMER US REP (ASD/T, DR. RECHTIN). COMMITTEE ASKED MACBRIEN TO SEND LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO RECHTIN ON BEHALF OF NJCEC.

2. NATO SATCOM PROGRAM, PHASE II.

A. STANDARD ELECTRIC LORENZ (SEL) DISPUTE: SEL IS PHASE II GROUND TERMINAL (SGT) CONTRACTOR. PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF LINE-OF-SIGHT RADIO SYSTEM IN GREECE HAS PERMITTED LAST SGT IN NATO NETWORK TO BECOME OPERATIONAL. FINAL SYSTEM ACCEPTANCE IS UNDERWAY. NICSMA IS AUDITING CONTRACT AND DG NOTED WITH APPRECIATION SUPPORT OF US CONTRACTING AUDITING AGENCY IN EUROPE FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN REVIEWING SEL FINANCIAL RECORDS.

B. PERFORMANCE OF NATO SATCOM II SPACE ELEMENT: TELEMETRY DATA INDICATES THAT ALTHOUGH HELIX CURRENT OF TRAVELING WAVE TUBE AMPLIFIER (TWTA) CONTINUES TO RISE, OUTPUT POWER HAS REMAINED CONSTANT AND ACCORDINGLY, THERE IS NO DEGRADATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SERVICE. NO ESTIMATE OF ANTICIPATED LIFE IS AVAILABLE. IT IS HOPED THAT TWTA WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE SATISFACTORILY PENDING OPERATIONAL AVAILABILITY OF US DEFENSE SATCOM SYSTEM PHASE II, ESTIMATED EARLY 1974.

3. SATCOM CONTINGENCY PLAN. NJCEC NOTED REPORT, APPROVED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR 1974, AND APPROVED FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN REF C. MOU WAS SIGNED NOV 6 BY GEN GOULD FOR USG, ADMIRAL ANSON FOR HMG, AND GEN BUNTROCK FOR NATO.

4. NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (NICS).

A. PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS:

(1) GENERAL. DG NICSMA (BUCHS) REPORTED THAT IN FUTURE HE WILL PROVIDE LOOSE-LEAF DOCUMENT CONTAINING STATUS OF NICS PROJECTS AND INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL AND PRODUCTION SHARING. FIRST EDITION WILL BE ISSUED IN DEC 73 AND THEREAFTER UPDATING MATERIAL WILL BE CIRCULATED TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF NJCEC MEETINGS.

(2) SPREAD SPECTRUM MULTIPLE ACCESS (SSMA) EQUIPMENT. PRODUCTION IS ABOUT THREE MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE (MAGNAVOX OF US IS PRIME CONTRACTOR). NO CRITICAL IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED.

(3) NATO SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT. ESTIMATED LAUNCH DATES OF AUG 75 FOR FIRST SATELLITE AND AUG 76 FOR SECOND REMAIN TARGETS. BUCHS NOTED THAT US SPACE AND MISSILE ORGANIZATION (SAMSO) PROPOSAL TO ORDER LONG-LEAD TIME ITEMS TO REFURBISH QUALIFICATION MODEL WAS EVALUATED, BUT NO DECISION CONSIDERED TO BE NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. NICSMA ANALYSIS WILL BE CONTINUED ON FEASIBILITY OF REFURBISHMENT OF QUALIFICATION MODEL, AND REPORT IS EXPECTED IN MAR 74.

(4) NATO SATCOM PHASE III SGT'S SPECIFICATIONS WERE COMPLETED IN AUG 73. ANTICIPATE TYPE "B" ESTIMATE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY INFRA PAYMENTS & PROGRESS (P&P) COMMITTEE IN FEB 74. NICSMA PROPOSES TO RELEASE INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) IN APR 74. WITH EQUIPMENT DELIVERY SCHEDULED FOR 1976.
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(5) MODIFICATION OF SATCOM PHASE II SGT'S. BUCHS REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE SEPARATE PROCUREMENT FOR RADIO, MULTIPLEX, AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO MODIFY PHASE II TERMINALS SO THAT THEY CAN BE USED WITH SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT. DG NOTED THAT SATCOM CAPACITY WILL INCREASE FROM 67 TO 181 CIRCUITS BY END OF 75.

(6) TELEGRAPH AUTOMATIC ROUTING EQUIPMENT (TARE). BUCHS REPORTED THAT DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED

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BEFORE APR 74. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT PROJECT MAY HAVE TO BE SPLIT IF SITE PROBLEMS AT 6 OF 19 SITES CANNOT BE RESOLVED. US REP SAID THAT REQUIREMENT FOR TARE WAS URGENT AND CRITICAL, AND SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD WITH UTMOST SPEED. GEN GOULD WONDERED WHY LACK OF SITE DATA SHOULD DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OR WHY PROJECT NEEDED TO BE SPLIT. COMMENT: FOLLOWING PARA (REF D) IS BEING PROPOSED FOR PROCUREMENT OF INTERIM AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SWITCHES: QUOTE: IT HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE INSTALLATION AND SITE PREPARATION CAN BE DEFINED WITH SUFFICIENT PRECISION BEFORE ISSUANCE OF AN IFB COVERING THE BASIC EQUIPMENT. IF SUCH INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN TIME, NICSMA WOULD PROPOSE TO INVITE BIDDERS TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION COSTS BASED UPON STANDARD CIVIL WORKS CRITERIA (TO BE DEFINED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS) AND TO INDICATE IN THEIR BIDS, ANY SPECIAL INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS (E.G. THE NEED FOR REINFORCED FLOORS). END QUOTE. CONFIDENTIAL

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IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SAME PARA CAN BE USED FOR PROCUREMENT OF TARES. WE WILL FOLLOW UP. END COMMENT.

(7) PILOT SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT. SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT IS BEING PROCURED USING FOUR SEPARATE CONTRACTS, E.G., 4-WIRE SWITCHES, SPECIAL SECURITY CABLES, SECURE VOICE TERMINALS, AND SECURE VOICE CONTROL EQUIPMENT. CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL CABLE AND 4-WIRE SWITCHES WILL GO ON IFB THIS WEEK. SIGNING OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT (SIEMENS OF FRG) FOR SECURE VOICE TERMINALS AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE DEC 73. PHASE I OF PROCUREMENT WILL BE REPLACEMENT OF FIRST GENERATION EQUIPMENT AND IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAR 74.

(8) ACE HIGH EXPANSION. PROGRAM TO UPGRADE NATO'S LONG-HAUL TROPO SYSTEM TO 72 CHANNELS IS ON SCHEDULE. ESTIMATED COMPLETION IS IN MID-75.

(9) EXTENSION OF ACE HIGH FOR CIP-67. TYPE "B" ESTIMATE WILL BE COMPLETED BY END-NOV 73. ANTICIPATE THAT IFB PROCEDURE WILL COMMENCE MID-74.

(10) CENTRAL REGION COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT (CIP-67). NATIONAL GROUP OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS, WG/18, COMPLETED REVIEW OF TYPE "B" ESTIMATE IN MID-OCT 73. COST OF ELECTRONICS PORTION IS NOW ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 12 MILLION IAU. SHAPE WILL NEED TO RECOMMEND SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS SINCE LESS THAN HALF OF AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUIRED FOR PROJECT REMAIN AVAILABLE IN INFRA SLICE XVI.

(11) NICSMA MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. NICSMA HAS DEVELOPED AND IS IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM AUTOMATING DATA IN THREE AREAS: RESOURCES, PROJECTS, AND MANAGEMENT OF NICS. LATTER AREA, MANAGEMENT OF NICS, WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY AFTER RESOLUTION OF O&M ISSUE. BUCHS REPORTED SYSTEM IS KEY TO HIS BEING ABLE TO MANAGE NICS.

(12) NICS FUNDING AND PRODUCTION SHARING. DG REPORTED THAT ABOUT HALF OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR NICS IN CURRENT INFRA PERIOD HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. BULK OF FUNDS ARE FOR SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT AND SSMA EQUIPMENT, BOTH CONTRACTED TO US PRIMES. HOWEVER, ALL NATIONS HAVE PRODUCTION SHARE (PS) SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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ADMINISTRATION COSTS ARE CHARGED TO ALL. US PS REMAINS ABOUT 38 PERCENT THE MINIMUM SHARE ALLOCATED TO US UNDER NATO AGREED PS FORMULA. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF DG SHOWED PS BASED ON TOTAL NICS PROGRAM RATHER THAN ON FUNDS COMMITTED.

END COMMENT.

B. DIGITALIZATION IN NATO COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS: DDG NICSMA (GEN LOTZ) BRIEFED COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS MADE IN DIGITALIZATION STUDY. AT LAST MEETING OF NJCEC, IT WAS CONSENSUS THAT DIGITALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS COULD BECOME PREVALENT IN 5 TO 15 YEARS. PRELIMINARY NICSMA INVESTIGATIONS WITH PTTS INDICATE THAT ANALOGUE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PRINCIPAL NICS TRANSMISSION MEDIA FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT WIDE-SPREAD PTT USE OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS IS PROBABLY 15 TO 20 YEARS IN FUTURE. NICSMA WILL CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF DIGITALIZATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALLIED ALONG LINES AGENCY (ALLA). NICSMA/ALLA HAVE PREPARED QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NATO PTTS. REPLIES WILL ASSIST IN EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS OF PROBLEM. NO DECISION WILL BE MADE ON PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL NARROW BAND SECURE VOICE UNTIL DIGITALIZATION STUDY IS COMPLETED.

C. CRYPTO EQUIPMENT: LOTZ INFORMED COMMITTEE OF NICSMA INITIAL IMPRESSIONS OF PRESENTATION BY US AUTHORITIES ON TENLEY AND VINSON WIDEBAND SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENTS. HE NOTED THAT US

CRYPTO EQUIPMENT CAN BE USED FOR SECURING TELEGRAPH, VOICE, DATA, AND FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION. DDG POINTED OUT MANY ADVANTAGES OF US EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT VOICE AND DATA TRANSMISSION NEED WIDEBAND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, WERE AND INTEGRAL PART OF US TACTICAL SWITCH (TTC-39), AND THAT IN HIS VIEW ONLY THE TELEGRAPH ENCRYPTION DEVICE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TTC-39 COULD BE USED IN INITIAL PHASE OF NICS. IN VIEW OF DDG COMMENTS, FRG REP (GEN PAGE) ASKED WHETHER DECISION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL NARROW BAND SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT COULD NOW BE MADE. BUCHS REPORTED THAT MNC REQUIREMENTS FOR FURTHER EQUIPMENTS WAS STILL UNDER STUDY AND THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR DECISION REGARDING FURTHER PROCUREMENT.

D. PROVISION OF INITIAL TELEPHONE SWITCHING CAPABILITY:
NICSMA SUMMARIZED METHOD OF EMPLOYMENT OF INITIAL SWITCHED TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROJECTS IN FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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PHASE OF NICS. BRIEFING ANSWERED MANY OF QUESTIONS RAISED BY NATIONS AND SERVED TO EASE ACCEPTANCE OF NICSMA RECOMMENDATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF SWITCHES THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME ACCESS SWITCHES BUT WILL INITIALLY BE USED AS AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SWITCHES. ALL MNC'S SUPPORTED NICSMA PROPOSAL AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN PROVISION OF AN EARLY IMPROVEMENT IN NATO COMMUNICATIONS. MACBRIEN SAID THAT IF ITALY REMAINED ALONE IN ITS RESERVATION TO PROCUREMENT OF SWITCHES, HE WOULD ESCALATE ISSUE TO DPC ON BEHALF OF NJCEC. GEN PAGE OBJECTED TO LACK OF INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS IN ANNEX A TO NICSMA-D/30. HE SAID THAT TR-86 SPECIFIED THESE CHARACTERISTICS AND ACCORDINGLY, THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN IFB. SINCE HE RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT, PAGE AGREED TO WORDING IN NJCEC REPORT NOTING THAT IN FRG VIEW, REQUIREMENTS OF NICS LAID DOWN IN TR-86 SHOULD BE INCLUDED INsofar AS POSSIBLE. COMMENT: TR-86 NEVER WAS APPROVED IN DETAIL BUT ONLY IN PRINCIPLE AND AS A PLANNING DOCUMENT. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT DG NICSMA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THIS DETAIL AS NICS PLAN DEVELOPS.

END COMMENT. BUCHS AGREED TO CIRCULATE SUMMARY PLAN FOR INITIAL NETWORK INCLUDING NUMBER OF ACCESS SWITCHES TO BE PROVIDED, GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SWITCHES, BROAD CATEGORY OF USERS TO BE CONNECTED TO NETWORK, MANNER IN WHICH SECURE VOICE PROJECT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SYSTEM, USE OF SATELLITE LINKS, AND MANNER IN WHICH INITIAL TELEPHONE SWITCHING NETWORK WOULD FIT INTO EVENTUAL NICS. COMMITTEE URGED ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER RESERVATION ON PROJECT. COMMENT: IN CORRIDOR DISCUSSION WITH ITALIAN REP, WE RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT ITALY WOULD GO ALONG WITH PROGRAM. END COMMENT. IF UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IS NOT OBTAINED, CHAIRMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO BRING ISSUE TO ATTENTION OF DPC AND, IF NECESSARY, TO DPC DEC MINISTERIAL.

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E. IFB FOR SATCOM PHASE III SGT'S: NICSMA WAS GIVEN GO-AHEAD TO COMPLETE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR PHASE III SGT'S AND TO ISSUE IFB AT AN EARLY DATE. EXPEDITED ACTION IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT THESE TERMINALS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION IN CONSONANCE WITH OPERATIONAL AVAILABILITY OF SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT.

F. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NICS: GEN GOULD MADE STATEMENT FOR RECORDED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(1) CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT, PARTICULARLY OF A SWITCHED SYSTEM AS SOPHISTICATED AS NICS, IS ESSENTIAL FOR TECHNICAL REASONS.

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(2) CONTROL OF WAY IN WHICH NICS SUPPORTS ITS USERS MUST REST, TO A MAJOR DEGREE, WITH USERS. SUCH CONTROL INCLUDES ESTABLISHING PRECEDENCES, RESTORAL PRIORITIES, AND ACCESS CONTROL.

(3) A SINGLE DEVELOPMENTAL AND OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY

IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL DURING PERIOD OF CONSIDERABLE TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND SYSTEMS TRANSITION.

(4) IN PROCESS OF FORMING NICSMA, NATO FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES PREVIOUSLY DECIDED THAT CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF THE NICS WOULD NOT REST WITH ANY SINGLE MNC OR OTHER USER.

IN ANY CASE, HE ADDED, OBJECTIVE IN NJCEC IS TO HELP ENSURE A RELIABLE, FLEXIBLE, RESPONSIVE, SECURE AND SURVIVABLE COMMUNICATIONS FOR NATO MILITARY AND CIVILIAN USERS AS FUNDS PERMIT. NJCEC NOTED STATEMENT MADE BY US REP AND INVITED DG NICSMA TO SUBMIT FINAL PROPOSAL FOR MANAGEMENT AND O&M OF NICS TO NJCEC AT ITS MAR 74 PLENARY.

G. DEFINITION OF NICS: NO DISCUSSION. COMMITTEE INVITED JCEWG TO EXAMINE REVISED DEFINITION PRIOR TO ITS RECONSIDERATION BY NJCEC.

H. REVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF NICSMA: BUCHS NOTED THAT PROPOSED ORGANIZATION (REF A) WAS BASED ON PAST NICSMA EXPERIENCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT INFRASTRUCTURE AD HOC GROUP MUST REVIEW AND APPROVE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR PERSONNEL INCREASES AND ASKED NJCED FOR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF PROPOSED ORGANIZATION. GOULD COMMENTED THAT US CONCERN FOR ADEQUATE SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY WAS STILL NOT MET. DG REPLIED THAT THIS CAPABILITY COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY THROUGH HIRING OF CONSULTANTS. NJCEC AGREED. COMMITTEE ENDORSED RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS AND AUTHORIZED THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. NJCEC RECOGNIZED A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, WITHOUT SPECIFYING NUMBERS, AND AUTHORIZED BUCHS TO SUBMIT PROPOSED CHANGES TO INFRA AD HOC GROUP FOR FINAL SCREENING AND FINANCIAL APPROVAL. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT ANNUAL NICSMA ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 1974 (REF E) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

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I. MARITIME SATCOM PHASE III INTEROPERABILITY: LOTZ REPORTED STUDY STILL IN PRELIMINARY STAGES AND NOTED THAT NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN LATE JAN, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING OF SATCOM CONTINGENCY PLANNING GROUP. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY SACLANT REP CONCERNING US POSITION FOR JAN MEETING, GOULD READ STATEMENT CONTAINED IN GUIDANCE CABLE (REF F).

4. POLICY FOR USE OF NATO AND NATIONAL COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY ITALY, NJCEC AGREED POLICY (REF G) WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS AND AGREED THAT REPORT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO DPC FOR APPROVAL. COMMENT: UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY WE WILL APPROVE REPORT WHEN IT COMES BEFORE DPC. END COMMENT.

5. FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE. NEXT MEETING OF NJCEC WILL

BE HELD MAR 26-27, 1974. NJCEC ALSO AGREED TO MEET IN SEQUENTIAL SESSION WITH NATO C-E BOARD, FIRST OF SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS DURING WEEK OF OCT 10, 1974, WITH NJCEC MEETING OCT 17-18.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT IN FUTURE, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN MORE TIMELY MANNER BECAUSE OF SEQUENTIAL SCHEDULING OF NCEB AND NJCEC MEETINGS. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT NICSMA AND TO HEAR BRIEFING BY SAMSO ON SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT AT MAR 74 PLENARY.
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